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AEC REPRESENTATION ON JOINT COMMITTEE ON MOBILIZATION PLANNING FOR
FOREIGN ECONOMIC MEASURES

Per your request I have been attending the meetings of the Joint Committee on Mobilization Planning for Foreign Economic Measures as your alternate.

As you know, this committee was established in May, 1957 by the then Office of Defense Mobilization in connection with planning for Operation Alert 1957. The objective of the committee was to develop plans for the offensive use of any economic measures to diminish or neutralize the war potential of the enemy and his associates. After Operation Alert 1957, the committee continued to meet to further refine the plans for use in Operation Alert 1958 and development of a proposed Economic Warfare Agency to be activated in time of emergency.

The development of the paper plans was assigned to several sub-committees headed by representatives of the agencies having statutory responsibilities for export controls, import controls, foreign assets controls, international transportation controls, preclusive buying, etc. The AEC has not been assigned to any of these working groups, since it is recognized that AEC has no responsibility in planning for foreign economic measures.

AEC's sole role in this activity would be to furnish technical advice on the specific items of materials and equipment that are important to an atomic energy program and therefore, should be denied to the enemy. Such advice would normally be obtained by the particular agencies having operating responsibilities for these activities, i.e., Department of Commerce, Department of State, etc. We already have established liaison with these agencies for day to day activities.

AEC's interest in the overall program for civil defense and mobilization planning is adequately covered through liaison by staffs of the Divisions of Biology and Medicine and Construction and Supply with the Office of Civil and Defense Mobilization. Therefore, I believe that AEC representation on the Joint Committee on Mobilization Planning for Foreign Economic Measures serves no real purpose. I recommend that the Office of Civil and Defense Mobilization be asked to withdraw this agency from the list of

Members of the Joint Committee.

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